

## ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATE: November 29, 2005

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:15 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:55 p.m.

### ATTENDANCE

#### Attending Members

Joanne Sanders, Chair  
Lance Langsford  
Jackie Nytes  
Lincoln Plowman

#### Absent Members

Vernon Brown  
Lynn McWhirter  
Mary Moriarty Adams

### AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 589, 2005 - approves temporary tax anticipation borrowing for Police General, Fire General and Park General Funds in anticipation of current taxes levied in 2005, collectible in 2006

“Do Pass

Vote: 4-0

PROPOSAL NO. 590, 2005 - transfers and appropriates \$225,000 in the 2005 Budget of Marion County Community Corrections (Pre-Trial Conditional Release Fund) to pay operating costs and \$11,000 in the 2005 Budget of the Marion County Treasurer (County General Fund) to pay for personal services, and reduces the budgets of various agencies by \$3,926,955 to fund these transfers and increase the County General Fund balance

“Do Pass as Amended”

Vote: 4-0

## ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Administration and Finance Committee of the City-County Council met on Tuesday, November 29, 2005. Chair Joanne Sanders called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. with the following members present: Lance Langsford, Jackie Nytes, and Lincoln Plowman. Absent were Vernon Brown, Lynn McWhirter, and Mary Moriarty Adams. Also in attendance was Bart Brown, Council Chief Financial Officer.

PROPOSAL NO. 589, 2005 - approves temporary tax anticipation borrowing for Police General, Fire General and Park General Funds in anticipation of current taxes levied in 2005, collectible in 2006

Katie Aeschliman, Senior Project Manager of Indianapolis Bond Bank, said this proposal will approve the sale of the tax revenue anticipation warrants for the City of Indianapolis for 2006. She said the Bond Bank has managed this program since 1988. It was designed to alleviate cash flow problems that are created by the distribution of property taxes to local entities.

Councillor Nytes asked if this process has already been done for the Consolidated City and County General. Ms. Aeschliman said the County General and the Marion County Family and Children fund notes have already been approved through the Community Affairs Committee.

Chair Sanders stated that the President of the Council has assisted the committee in achieving a quorum but technically does not have a vote on the committee; therefore, the vote would need to be deferred until the committee has a voting quorum. (At this point in the meeting, Councilor Plowman had not yet arrived.)

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Robert Clifford, City Controller, said when the 2006 budget was being drafted, they realized that not all the revenues expected in 2005 would be collected. He said because there are limited fund balances in the County, the Controller's office decided to reduce the 2005 appropriations to align them with actual revenues and to get back to a positive fund balance at the end of 2005. Mr. Clifford stated that the Controller's office met with the various County agencies and worked with them to identify savings. At the time of the meeting, everyone had agreed to their reductions except for the Warren Township Assessor, who had not responded to phone calls or emails.

Councillor Langsford asked what the opposition is of the Warren Township Assessor. Kim Diller, Budget Manager for the Controller's office, said she is unaware of any

opposition; they tried to contact the Assessor's office but the Assessor had not responded back.

Ms. Diller and Jeff Seidenstein, Budget Manager for the Controller's office, explained the amendment to Proposal No. 590, 2005 (Exhibit A, attached).

Doris Ann Sadler, County Clerk, clarified the additional appropriation of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Reimbursement Fund. She said City Legal approved an expenditure of \$113,000 in the cost of litigation but was able to settle at half of the estimated cost.

[Clerk's Note: Councillor Plowman arrived at 5:25 p.m.]

Councillor Nytes moved, seconded by Councillor Langsford to "Amend" Proposal No. 590, 2005 per Exhibit A. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Councillor Plowman asked for clarification on the purpose of the amendment. Chair Sanders said the proposal identifies underspending in various agencies to assist in funding the fund balance. Councillor Plowman said he is concerned with the reduction in the courts and Sheriff's budget due to the recent increase in the County Option Income Tax (COIT). Mr. Clifford said the reductions are only for 2005 and both agencies have agreed to the reductions.

Councillor Langsford asked how accurate the figures are for the remaining revenues to be received this year. Mr. Seidenstein said he cannot ensure the figure is accurate but does feel comfortable that the revenues will come in on target.

Mr. Seidenstein stated there will be some bills that will not be paid this year; specifically, the fuel bill for the Sheriff's Department. He said any additional savings in appropriations for 2005 they hope to reappropriate in January to assist in the fuel bill.

Councillor Nytes moved, seconded by Councillor Langsford, to send Proposal No. 590, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Connie Milliken, retiree of the Marion County Sheriff Department (MCSD), asked why Indianapolis is not getting some of the funds from back taxes to help fund the Indianapolis Police Department and Sheriff's Department. The taxes she referred to were the much-publicized State Income Tax collections under the tax amnesty plan which ended November 15, 2005. Chair Sanders said that money is the state's to collect and the County does not have control over how that money would be spent or distributed.

Ronald Chappell, Major of the MCSD, said they gave approximately \$1.7 million of the \$3.4 million in proposed reductions in appropriations (this proposal). He said the

Sheriff's Department has a Wishard Hospital late payment that will be paid in January 2006, along with other bills that they are working on paying off in 2006.

[Clerk's Note: Chair Sanders entertained a motion for Proposal No. 589, 2005.]

Councillor Nytes moved, seconded by Councillor Langsford, to send Proposal No. 589, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

#### CONCLUSION

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Administration and Finance Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Sanders, Chair  
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